ZAMI, Inc.
Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund

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August 12, 1998

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Student Records and Financial Services
110 Eight Street
Troy, NY 12180-3590

Attention: Financial Aid Advisor

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of $1000.00 for student Donna R. Hope for Fall, 1998 and Spring, 1999.

Should you have any questions, please do not hestitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Adams
President

cc: Donna U. Hope

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July 27, 1998

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Attention: Financial Aid Advisor

Name: Donna U. Hope

Amount of Award: $1000.00

Period of Study for which Award was granted: Fall, 1998
Spring, 1999

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Adams

President

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Atlanta's Premiere Collective for Lesbians of African Descent

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March 1, 1998

Dear Friend,

ZAMI, Inc., is a not for profit collective of lesbians of African descent residing in the Atlanta Metropolitan area. Founded in 1990, ZAMI is named for the 'biomythography' of African American feminist, lesbian, poet Audre Lorde whose life, work and spirit are embodied in the Caribbean word, "ZAMI", which means women who work together as friends and lovers.

In 1995, ZAMI established the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to lesbians of African descent enrolled in undergraduate, post-secondary institutions within the state of Georgia. We are writing to ask your financial support of our scholarship fund. More than half of the funds for the scholarships come from private donations; the remainder is derived from our programming efforts. The first scholarships were awarded in 1997.

In 1998, ZAMI will award four $1,000.00 scholarships named for activists in the African American lesbian community:

The **Mary Anne Adams** award is named for ZAMI's President, who resides in Atlanta, and is the founder/creator of the Audre Lorde Scholarship.

The **Catherine E. McKinley** award is named for the New Jersey based writer and editor of the groundbreaking work, *Afrekete*: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Writing.

The **Dr. Iris Fawzia Rafi** award is named for the co-founder of ZAMI. Dr. Rafi is a former professor of literature at Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University and makes her home in Atlanta.

The fourth scholarship is named for New Yorker, **Jocelyn Taylor,** prominent lesbian video artist, writer, and producer of the video, "*Bodily Functions*" among others.

The ZAMI collective thanks you, in advance, for your support in our endeavors to sustain the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely,

ZAMI Steering Committee Members:

Mary Anne Adams Beryl Jackson Iris Fawzia Rafi Michelle R. Smith Frances E. Wood

"As women, we have been taught either to ignore our differences, or to view them as causes for separation and suspicion rather than forces for change. Without community there is no liberation, only the most vulnerable and temporary armistice between an individual and her oppression."
-- Audre Lorde

Yes! I want to help sustain ZAMI's Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund. Enclosed is my donation:

____$25 ____$35 _____$50 ____$100 _____$250 or more _____other

Please detach along line and return in the enclosed envelope. **Checks should be made payable to the Fund for Southern Communities (our fiscal sponsor), with a memo to the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund.** Contributions are tax deductible.

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone/e-mail_____